

James Winchester to Andrew Jackson, January 6, 1807, from Correspondence of Andrew Jackson. Edited by John Spencer Bassett.

JAMES WINCHESTER TO JACKSON

Cragfont, January 6, 1807.

Dear Genl. Mr. James Cage has just arrived from the mouth of Cumberland. He was there yesterday was a week past, and made particular enquiry concerning Col. Burr etc. Was informed that he left that place the day before with Eleven Boats and between 110 and 120 men, this information Mr. Cage got from a Mr. Wood a Gentleman of observation and information of that place. Thus 100 Boats is reduced to Eleven. I shall notwithstanding go on to raise the Volunteers as orderd. Because if Wilkison is a Trator they will still be wanting at Orleans.

Yesterday evening at Gallatin I found Mr. Hopkins the courier of the Orleans dispatches. I sent for him and in Strong terms reprobated his delay. He replied he was waiting for a Servant he was about to hire, that he thought it necessary to protect him etc. I spurnd the Idea of an express delaying for a Servant etc. He seemd hurt and said he would Start this morning before day, but did not relinquish the Idea of a Servant. I thought he was a little intoxicated but I might be mistaken. I wish,d to bring him home with me but cannot prevail on him to come.

Health and fraternity.